

From: [Enders, Jhana](#)
To: [Eoc, Epahq](#)
Cc: [Webster, Susan](#); [Smith, Monica](#); [Crossland, Ronnie](#); [Webster, Susan](#)
Subject: DuPont La Porte [LEPC Notification Systems]
Date: Monday, November 17, 2014 2:32:00 PM

The LEPC is very proactive and has quite a number of guidance documents. Some of them are listed below. I will follow up more and let you know. Thanks.

Alarm System

<http://laportetx.gov/lepc/alarmsys.asp>

Shelter in Place

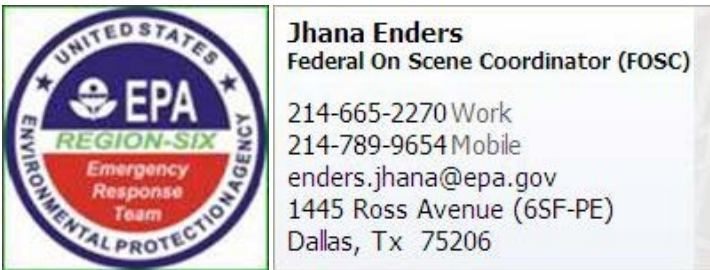
<http://laportetx.gov/lepc/shelter/default.asp>

Emergency Notification

<http://laportetx.gov/lepc/emergency.asp>

Emergency Preparedness Guide (Shelter in Place, Actions to take during chemical emergency, number/websites, etc).

<http://laportetx.gov/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=10656>



From: Eoc, Epahq
Sent: Sunday, November 16, 2014 9:04 AM
To: Enders, Jhana
Cc: Delgado, Eric; Webster, Susan
Subject: Re: EOC Spot Report Update #1: Region 6, Chemical Release, DuPont La Porte, TX

Thanks Jhana. For clarification.

Any additional detail on the LEPC planning situation would be appreciated.

Was the plan implemented, how was the community notified, etc.

Will note that plant followed SIP procedures.

Eugene Lee

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On Nov 16, 2014, at 9:50 AM, "Enders, Jhana" <Enders.Jhana@epa.gov> wrote:

R u asking if for safety to plant employees or community? Plant procedures...

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 16, 2014, at 8:35 AM, Delgado, Eric <Delgado.Eric@epa.gov> wrote:

Jhana,

HQ needs the following answered:

how did the shelter in place action materialize Was it due to
guidance or local emergency preparedness?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Eoc, Epahq" <Eoc.Epahq@epa.gov>

Date: November 16, 2014 at 08:17:38 CST

To: "Delgado, Eric" <Delgado.Eric@epa.gov>

**Subject: Fwd: EOC Spot Report Update #1: Region 6, Chemical Release,
DuPont La Porte, TX**

Eric,

See below questions from OEM mgmt.

Any additional info on the Shelter- in- place?

Thanks and good morning!

Eugene

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Woodyard, Josh" <Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov>
Date: November 16, 2014 at 8:30:43 AM EST
To: "Cheatham, Reggie" <cheatham.reggie@epa.gov>
Cc: "Tulis, Dana" <Tulis.Dana@epa.gov>, "Jennings, Kim" <Jennings.Kim@epa.gov>, "Matthiessen, Craig" <Matthiessen.Craig@epa.gov>, "Eoc, Epahq" <Eoc.Epahq@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EOC Spot Report Update #1: Region 6, Chemical Release, DuPont La Porte, TX

We can reach out to the REOC and see if they have that information.

Joshua Woodyard, Acting Director
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On Nov 16, 2014, at 7:23 AM, Cheatham, Reggie <cheatham.reggie@epa.gov> wrote:

This has appeared in several news reports the one thing I think the front office is gonna wanna know is how did the shelter inplace action materialize Was it due to guidance or local emergency preparedness? This is been an ongoing theme with Mathy as you know

Thanks
Reggie Cheatham, Acting Director
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From: [Woodyard, Josh](#)
Sent: 11/16/2014 12:24 AM
To: [Tulis, Dana](#)
Cc: [Jennings, Kim](#); [Cheatham, Reggie](#); [Matthiessen, Craig](#)
Subject: Re: EOC Spot Report Update #1: Region 6, Chemical Release, DuPont La Porte, TX

We still haven't seen anything from R6 yet but as I understand it, Carl has the package and is reviewing.

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On Nov 15, 2014, at 10:24 PM, Tulis, Dana
<Tulis.Dana@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Kim, Josh was getting
more info from the region, adding
Josh in.

Dana S. Tulis
Deputy Office Director
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On Nov 15, 2014, at 9:26 PM,
"Jennings, Kim"
<Jennings.Kim@epa.gov> wrote:

Just FYI, I know the
report stated that
the facility is an RMP
facility, but I also
wanted to let you
know that this
chemical, Methyl
Mercaptan is a
regulated chemical
under RMP. I don't
know whether it
meets our high risk
facility criteria.

We should probably
check with the
Region to see what
they know about the
facility and whether
it has been
inspected recently.

Thanks,
Kim

From: Eoc, Epahq
Sent: Saturday,
November 15, 2014
6:42 PM
To: Eoc, Epahq
Subject: EOC Spot
Report Update #1:
Region 6, Chemical

Release, DuPont La
Porte, TX

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**EOC Spot
Report
Update #1:
Region 6,
Chemical
Release,
DuPont La
Porte, TX**

**US
Environmental
Protection
Agency
Report as of
1830 EDT on
11/15/2014**

Overview: On the morning of 11/15, due to unknown causes there was a release of methyl mercaptan to the air at the DuPont chemical plant in La Porte, TX. The release was reported to the NRC (report #1101100). The chemical release resulted in a shelter-in-place

at the facility. The DuPont La Porte facility is an RMP facility. No explosion or fire has been reported with this incident. There are five reported casualties (4 dead and 1 hospitalized). The company's LaPorte facility employs an estimated 320 employees. A DuPont company spokesperson reported that a valve failed on a container of methyl mercaptan, a chemical used to make insecticide and an additive to natural gas. The DuPont spokesperson added that air quality tests outside of the facility came back normal and local emergency management officials decided not to issue a shelter-in-place for the general public.

State, Local and other Federal Agency

Actions: An emergency response team is in place and mutual aid is also responding. The Local Emergency Planning

Committee
(LEPC) has been
notified. USCG
Sector Houston
sent personnel to
act as the First
Federal Official
until EPA
personnel arrived
on the scene.
Texas
Commission on
Environmental
Quality (TCEQ)
deployed
personnel to
assess the
situation.

EPA Actions:

Upon notification
of the spill, EPA
Region 6
deployed an R6
OSC and START
contractor
support. The
release is in EPA
jurisdiction. EPA
Region 6 will
issue an update
later in the day as
more information
on the release
becomes
available. HQ
EOC will continue
to monitor. An
initial polrep has
been issued for
this incident.

Media Interest:

Moderate

<http://www.khou.com/story/news/local/2014/11/15/storage-leak-has-la-porte-in-a-stink/19085759/>

**The HQ EOC will
continue to**

**monitor and
provided
updates as
needed.**

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